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President's Message

For starters, please accept my sincere apologies for not having an ILNA Digest in your mailbox sooner. We had to coordinate and "fine tune" many activities for our upcoming state convention. I am glad to report most were organized shortly after our most recent board meeting on June 30th.

The 1991 ILNA Convention will be held at the Continental Regency Hotel in downtown Peoria, Illinois from September 5th through Sunday, September 9th. Please contact the host hotel at 1-309-674-2500 for convention rates and specifics concerning your attendance. I have been in touch with the bourse chairmen – Joe DeModica and Joseph Irmen. Both are expecting an excellent show. Sonny Henry, who will conduct the auction on Saturday, is further evidence of our commitment to offer the finest show on the state level. Regardless, as an ILNA member, you are at the grass roots level for making a success of this Central Illinois convention. I feel the bourse, auction, banquet, speakers, and exhibits will offer something for everyone.



Those wishing to exhibit or needing additional information, should contact me. Exhibit rules are enclosed and follow the American Numismatic Association's criteria. All exhibits should be in place no later than noon, Saturday, September 8th. Best of Shows awards and others will be awarded at the annual banquet.

Many things will be happening within the next two months, beginning with the ANA's 100th Anniversary Convention in Chicago, and including ILNA's Peoria show. These two shows will be the finest that Northern

Illinois has ever had the opportunity to offer. Your participation and attendance cannot help but solidify the interest in numismatics.

In conclusion, after nearly one year in office as your president, I want to thank my entire officer and governor staff for a job well done. Because of their exceptional input, I am proud to announce that no officer's or governor's seats will be up for election at our upcoming state convention. I will of course entertain the thoughts of our membership to "expand" our existing leadership in numbers at our annual meeting in September.

See you then!!

Numismatically yours,

James F Erlenborn, President
Illinois Numismatic Association

Darrell Geiger
Princeton, Illinois

His interest in numismatics spans several years, and he fondly remembers finding his first silver dime in coin rolls, a hobby his father started him in. He feels that all areas of the numismatic field are interesting, whether it be gold coins, commemoratives, type, or currency. Because of this diversified interest, his collection varied a great deal from time to time. His primary goal now is to put together a type dime set. Darrell feels that every aspect of numismatics is interesting because coins and currency tell us a lot about history and the social and economic conditions at the time. He also enjoys the art and beauty of numismatic items.

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ILNA Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 1991, Rantoul, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by President Erlenborn at 1:00 P.M.

The following board members were present:

Jim Erlenborn
Darrell Geiger
Jimmy Kaczor

Erthel Rose
Joe Wagoner
Kermit Wasmer

Jim Weber
Mark Wieclaw

Minutes from the Champaign-Urbana meeting were read by the secretary. Motion to accept as read was made by Jimmy Kaczor, seconded by Joe Wagoner, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was circulated to all members present by Mark Wieclaw, along with the breakdown of the 1990 ILNA show statement. Motion to accept was made by Erthel Rose, seconded by Jimmy Kaczor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Erlenborn informed the Board of the developments concerning the 1991 Illinois Numismatic Association's annual convention. Erlenborn stated that in a conversation with Joe DeModica that he was informed that all events concerning the show were in line with expectations. The show is to be held in Peoria on September 5, 6, 7, and 8th at the Continental Regency Hotel.

Mark Wieclaw discussed various aspects of the ILNA's participation in the 1991 ANA Convention. Mark stated that he had checked into the cost of sponsoring the Hospitality Room at the convention, and that the cost would be \$500 per day. Mark suggested that perhaps the ILNA could co-sponsor the room for one day, providing that another sponsor could be found in order to reduce costs. Mark also suggested that we provide exhibits in the Hospitality Room, a different exhibit for each day, which pertained to the numismatic theme for that particular day. Mark also discussed having numismatic trivia, collector meetings, and prizes as well. He stated that various items for ILNA promotion could be purchased from C. F. Wolf.

The total cost for the Group Liability coverage for ILNA members was at \$260 per annum.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Erlenborn distributed a copy of a letter that he had drafted and sent to President Bush. The letter stated that the Association was in support of the President's decision to act as he did in regard to the conflict in the Persian Gulf.

It was noted that the 1990 ILNA show in Rosemont had an article printed in Coin World in regard to the show's performance. The review appeared under the "Traveling Numismatist" section of Coin World. It was noted that the show was found to be of a consistent "4-star" quality, and in the author's opinion, it was highly successful in all aspects.

Jim Erlenborn asked for the Board to consider the application of Paul Spiegel concerning his interest in becoming an ILNA Life Member. Erlenborn state that Mr. Spiegel was active as a Life Member in several other numismatic organizations, and that he could be a strong asset to the ILNA. Motion to accept Mr. Spiegel's application was made by Jim Weber, seconded by Kermit Wasmer, motion carried.

Paul McNabb discussed the requirements and procedures for an individual to become involved as a Coin Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts. He stated that he had been involved in this type of program and that he felt that it would help to get young adults back into the hobby. The program centers around teaching proper grading, types of collections to start on, and discussion of various aspects of the hobby. He also distributed rough copies of the new Digest format to all members present. He said that we should be able to print and distribute the 300 copies needed for the cost of \$100 or less for the printing and typesetting, which would reflect a significant decrease in cost.

The organization of committees for the upcoming convention were discussed (i.e., dates, times, and meeting rooms/numismatic theater).

The summer ILNA meeting was tentatively set for June 23rd, and is to be held in Peru, Illinois.

Motion to adjourn was made by Erthel Rose, seconded by Joe Wagoner, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 P.M.

ILNA Board Meeting Minutes

June 30, 1991, Peru, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by President Erlenborn at 1:30 P.M.

The following board members were present:

Jim Erlenborn
Darrell Geiger
Jimmy Kaczor

Erthel Rose
Kermit Wasmer

Jim Weber
Mark Wieclaw

The secretary's report was read to all present. Motion to accept as read was made by Erlenborn, accepted by Wieclaw, seconded by Kaczor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was distributed to all present. Motion to accept as read was made by Erlenborn, Weber accepted, Rose seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The contract with the Continental Regency Hotel in Peoria was briefly explained to all present by Erlenborn. Following his synopsis, the contract was passed on to all present for their viewing. The contract specified the rooms available would be at a cost of \$50 per night, the dealer set-up would be held on Thursday, September 5th, that the show and meetings would be conducted on Friday and Saturday, September 6th and 7th, and that Sunday would be used primarily for the show finalities. Specific times that meetings and/or presentations would be held were on hold due to lack of details being available.

It was noted that the position of ILNA Secretary would be open at the close of the 1991 Convention.

The letter written to President Bush in support of his actions concerning the deployment of troops and eventual war in the Persian Gulf received a very positive response from the White House. The letter was drafted by Erlenborn and sent to President Bush on behalf of the members and governing body of the ILNA.

Motion was made by Erlenborn to increase the salaries of the treasurer, secretary, and digest editor. He also made a motion to accept an annual salary for the President and Vice President to cover costs of conducting ILNA Business. He stated the incentive for salary increases would help ensure the retention of said personnel. After much discussion on the floor, motion was accepted by Weber, seconded by Wieclaw, motion carried. The increase is to be effective as of the end of this fiscal year.

Wieclaw presented copies of the "Travelling Numismatist" from the June 12th edition of Coin World magazine. The article stated that the ILNA Convention of 1990 was considered number one by the author concerning the convention's vastly diversified availability of numismatic items. The article stated that the show had something for everyone who is into numismatics. The author continued with several other positive responses in regard to the ILNA. The board was extremely pleased as to the amount of positive responses that they had received from various numismatic publications in regard to their 1990 Convention.

Chairmen for the various aspects of the 1991 ILNA Convention were discussed. Mark Wieclaw was elected to be the overall Convention Chairman as well as being the Chairman of the speakers that the ILNA would have at the 1991 Convention. Joe Wagoner and Jimmy Kaczor volunteered to serve as the Hospitality Chairmen. Jim Erlenborn volunteered to serve as the Exhibit Chairman. It was decided that the

Registration Table at the convention would be manned by various ILNA personnel. Kermit Wasmer was also elected to serve as the Banquet Chairman.

Many of the specifics concerning the 1991 ILNA Convention were put on hold until further information could be received from the Convention Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

The board was introduced to Sonny Henry, a local and well established coin auctioneer. Henry distributed a resume to all the members present and talked on his philosophy towards numismatics. The board has considered having Henry conduct a coin auction to run in conjunction with its 1991 Convention. The board stated that the auction could stimulate both the ILNA and auction members positively. The board felt that the regular membership might be increased due to the fact that Henry has a regular following which may be interested in joining the ILNA. Henry had been active in the coin auction business for the last six years and conducts most of his auctions in the LaSalle/Peru area. The inclusion of an auction at the show might also prove beneficial for the bourse dealers as well, due to the people that the auction would draw. Henry was also considered for acceptance onto the ILNA board. Details concerning the time frame and other specifics were put on hold pending details from the bourse chairman.

Motion to adjourn was made by Erlenborn, accepted by Weber, seconded by all present. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell Geiger, ILNA Secretary

1990 ILNA Annual Convention

"James Hart" once again reviewed various 1990 coin shows in a recent edition of Coin World. The 1990 ILNA in Rosemont again received praise for several categories. Here are a few of the comments made:

"Larger shows always have a better selection of coins, especially expensive, investor pieces. Unfortunately, they often forget cheaper material for the small collector. Only one large show carried something for everyone, the 1990 Illinois Numismatic Association annual convention. The selection ranged from junk boxes to pieces worth more than \$20,000. The Illinois show was the only one to remember everyone."

"First place [for the show that offers a little more to the customers and dealers] goes to the 1990 Illinois Numismatic Association annual convention. The organization went to the effort of bringing speakers to talk about coins and their history."

The experts were well prepared and made their subjects fascinating."

The ILNA annual convention also received an honorable mention for its "consistant quality."

A special thanks again to all those who worked to make the 1990 ILNA show a success!



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The Honorable George H. W. Bush
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Dear President Bush:

By way of introduction my name is James F. Erlenborn.
I am president of the Illinois Numismatic Association.

More specifically, I am writing to you in regards to the United States activities in the Persian Gulf. In a time of uncertainties it becomes vital to neutralize those effects of negativeness into those of the positive. Unquestionably, and without hesitation or reservation, the Board of Governors and officers of our association totally support your stand against the dictatorship of Iraq.

Those people listed on this letterhead represent mainstream America. Their demographics are diversified, but most importantly their patriotism is exceedingly strong. We are not a special interest group, but one that abides by the "motto" introduced on our coinage in 1864, that being --- In God We Trust ---.

Offering both yourself and Mrs. Bush our undivided support in these most difficult of times, we remain.

Sincerely,

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF --
THE ILLINOIS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

James F. Erlenborn
President

JFE:smc

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 5, 1991

Dear Mr. Erlenborn:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I was moved by your comments about the actions we have taken, in cooperation with our coalition partners, to liberate Kuwait and to restore stability to the Persian Gulf region.

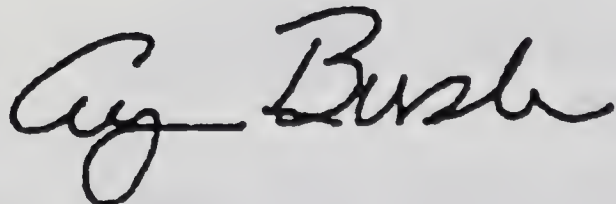
Saddam Hussein has sickened the world by the launching of indiscriminate attacks that have terrorized and killed innocent people. His blatant disregard for international conventions regarding the treatment of noncombatants and prisoners of war only strengthens our resolve.

Operation Desert Storm is working. We are making progress toward the objectives set forth by the international community. While there may be setbacks and obstacles along the way, one thing is certain: we will stay the course, and we will succeed. I am grateful that our courageous troops face this historic challenge knowing that they have the support of millions of people around the world. We are all tremendously proud of the job they are doing.

I am heartened that so many Americans are joining Barbara and me in praying for our brave service men and women and for their families.

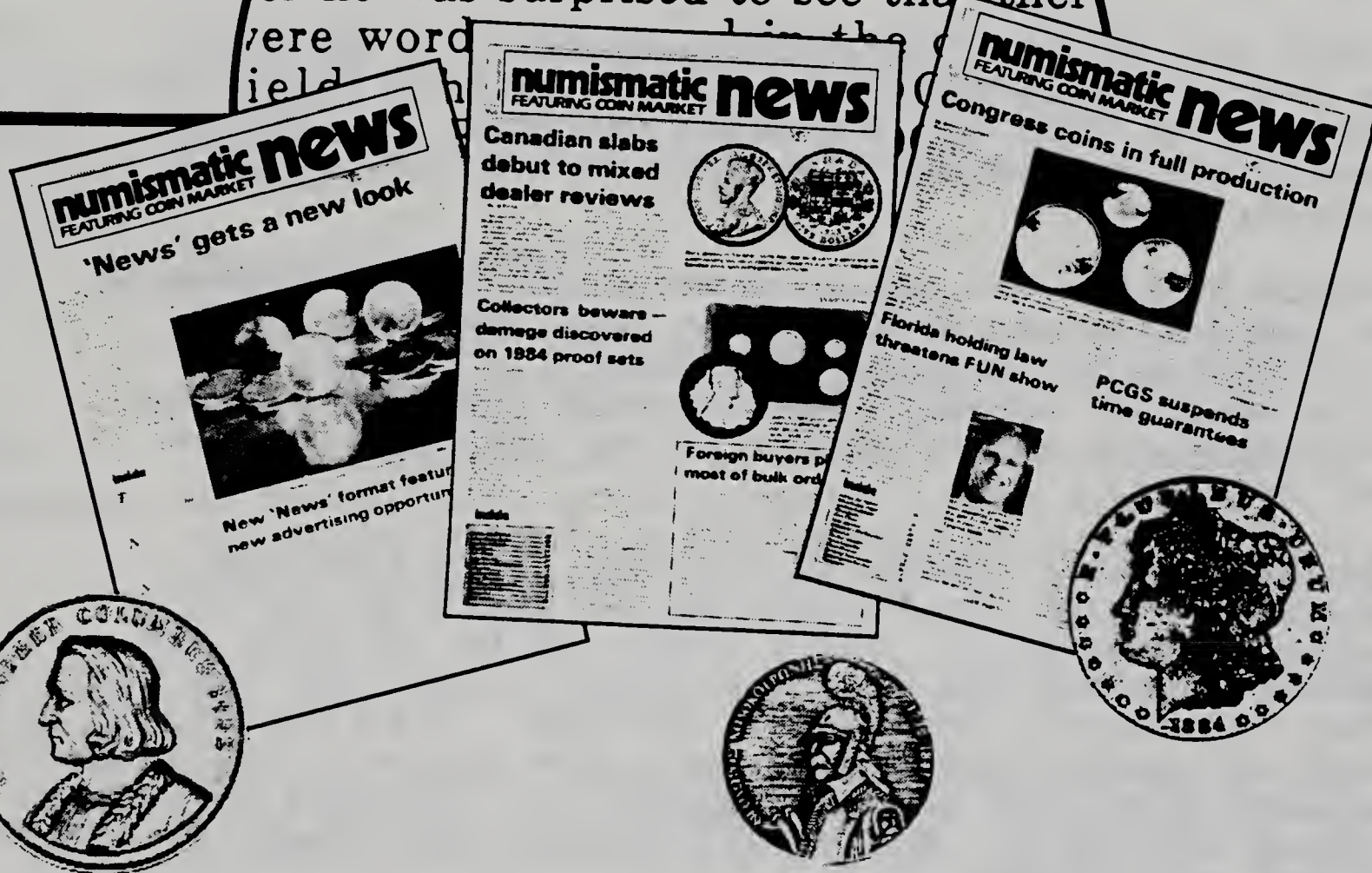
Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. H. W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "G" being particularly large and stylized.

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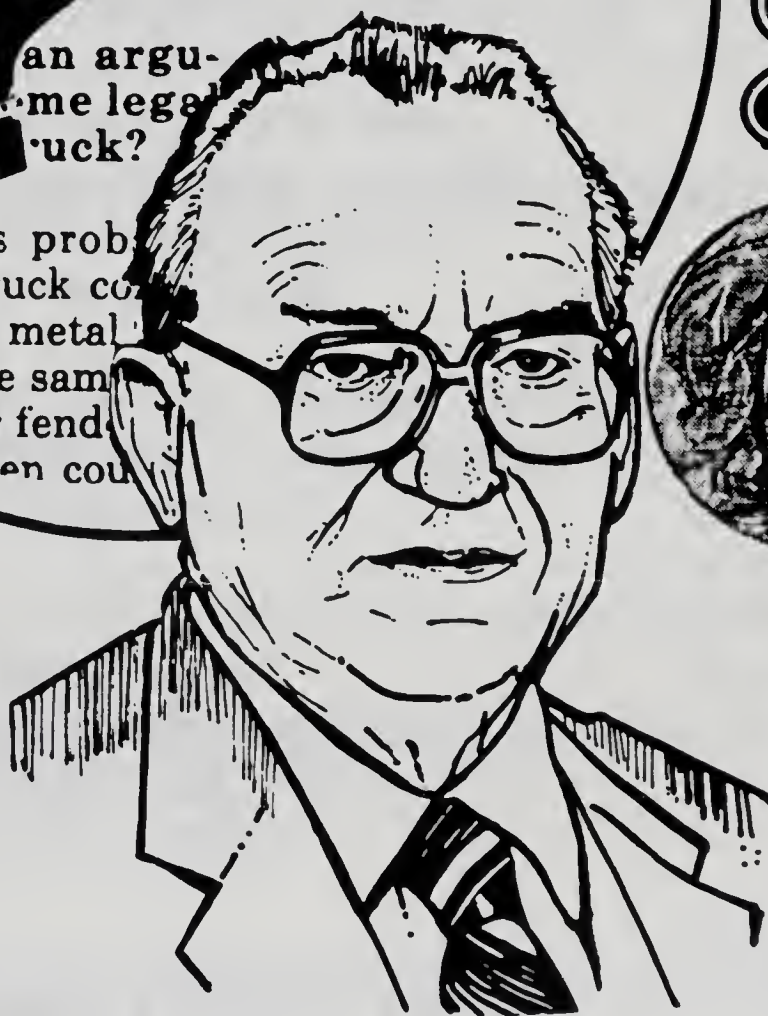
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Signature _____ Date _____

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Do not write below this line.

Judges' Rating Sheet for Exhibits

Information (A possible 35 points)

TITLE _____ Score out of 5 _____

The title should be prominent enough to be seen immediately. There should be a general statement about what the exhibitor is trying to show.

BASIC NUMISMATIC INFORMATION _____ Score out of 15 _____

Material should be described clearly and concisely. Adequate detail should be given to give a numismatist a full understanding and appreciation of the objects displayed.

SPECIAL INFORMATION _____ Score out of 15 _____

The technical numismatic information should be balanced by interesting geographical, historical, and artistic information to appeal to a non-numismatist.

Presentation (A possible 30 points)

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY _____ Score out of 10 _____

The exhibit should be fresh and unusual, with a distinct theme. This is a matter of the judge's opinion.

ATTRACTIVENESS _____ Score out of 10 _____

The exhibit should be neat and pleasing to the eye, with color used effectively and without distracting gimmicks to detract from the material.

BALANCE _____ Score out of 10 _____

Numismatic material, information, and decorations should be related to each other and arranged to give an overall pleasing effect.

Technical Details (A possible 35 points)

COMPLETENESS _____ Score out of 15 _____

Considering availability of material and space limitations, the exhibit should contain all the material implied by the exhibit title or the exhibit's general introduction.

CONDITION _____ Score out of 10 _____

The material exhibited should be the best that is reasonably available to the exhibitor. The judges should consider any statement in the exhibit regarding this.

RARITY _____ Score out of 10 _____

Rarity is judged by the number of like pieces believed to exist, not by the value of individual pieces.

Total score out of 100 _____

